

PROPOSED COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

For Calendar Year: 2004

Continuing ☐

New ☒

Previous Year (below line/defer) ☐

Issue: Assess the trends in the number of homeless people in Sunnyvale and the adequacy of available services to determine any need for increased services.

Lead Department: Community Development

General Plan Element or Sub-Element: (insert text)

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

This study will seek to document the number, location and characteristics of the homeless in Sunnyvale. The availability and effectiveness of existing services would be evaluated and service gaps would be identified. The study would also identify if the increase in homeless in Sunnyvale is due to an increase in the homeless population, movement of people from other jurisdictions, changes in available services or changes in the characteristics of the homeless population.

Housing and Human Services Commissioners are concerned about the increasing visibility of homeless people in the City's parks and on its thoroughfares. There is also concern that the visibility of the homeless could negatively impact the business climate. Also, the number of citizens responding to the Quality of Life Survey from 2000 to 2003 stating that "lack of services for the homeless is serious or somewhat serious" has increased from 18% to 29%.

2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?

Goal F: Improve Housing conditions for people with special needs.

Policy F.1 Continue to help and assist in the provision of shelter and assistance to the homeless.

3. Origin of issue:

Councilmember: _____

General Plan: _____

Staff: _____

BOARD or COMMISSION

Arts

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Library

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Bldg. Code of Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Rec.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CCAB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heritage & Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Housing & Human Svcs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Board / Commission Ranking/Comment:

HHSC Board / Commission ranked 1 of 6

4. Due date for Continuing and Mandatory issues (if known): _____
5. Multiple Year Project? Yes ☐ No ☒ Expected Year of Completion 2004
6. Estimated work hours for completion of the study issue.
- (a) Estimated work hours from the lead department 125
- (b) Estimated work hours from consultant(s): _____
- (c) Estimated work hours from the City Attorney's Office: 15
- (d) List any other department(s) and number of work hours:
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| Department(s): | Public Safety, Parks, Library and CDD/Neighborhood Preservation | <u>10</u> |
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- Total Estimated Hours: 150
7. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?
- (a) Does Council need to approve a work plan? Yes ☐ No ☒
- (b) Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission? Yes ☒ No ☐
- If so, which Board/Commission? HHSC
- (c) Is a Council Study Session anticipated? Yes ☒ No ☐
- (d) What is the public participation process?

Consultations with other city staff (Library, Public Safety, Parks, and Neighborhood Preservation) business owners, Chamber of Commerce, homeowner and neighborhood associations, social service agencies and meeting with Housing & Human Services Commission.

8. Estimated Fiscal Impact:

Cost of Study	\$	0
Capital Budget Costs	\$	0
New Annual Operating Costs	\$	0
New Revenues or Savings	\$	0
10 Year RAP Total	\$	0

9. Staff Recommendation

- ☒ **Recommended for Study**
- ☐ **Against Study**
- ☐ **No Recommendation**

Explain below staff's recommendation if "for" or "against" study. Department director should also note the relative importance of this study to other major projects that the department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

The visibility of homeless people at retail and community sites has increased and the City needs factual data to determine if the number and nature of homeless or their needs has changed. There would be minimum impact to service to conduct this study; however the study may conclude with recommendations for changes to services.

reviewed by

Department Director

Date

approved by

City Manager

Date